



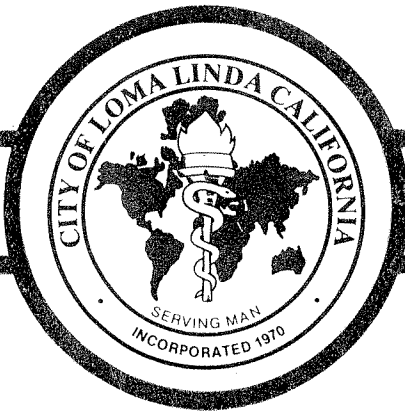
City of Loma Linda Official Report

Floyd Petersen, Mayor
Karen Hansberger, Mayor pro tempore
Robert Christman, Councilmember
Stan Brauer, Councilmember
Robert Ziprick, Councilmember

COUNCIL AGENDA: December 16, 2003

TO: City Council

SUBJECT: Presentation of Proclamation to the Unforgettables Foundation
relating to the "Lights for Little Lives" Event scheduled for
December 31, 2003



CITY OF LOMA LINDA, CA

PROCLAMATION Unforgettables Foundation "Lights for Little Lives"

December 31, 2003

REJOICING in all births in 2004

REFLECTING on all childhood illness' struggles and healings

REMEMBERING all children who have died

WHEREAS, the Unforgettables Foundation, a project birthed in the Loma Linda/Redlands/San Bernardino area and a supporter of Loma Linda University Children's Hospital patient families, is sponsoring the "Lights for Little Lives" walk in Loma Linda on December 31 to celebrate the lives of Inland Empire children; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Unforgettables Foundation is to confront the causes and economic consequences of childhood death on behalf of grieving Inland families; and

WHEREAS, the Unforgettables strategy is to: encourage communities to recognize the financial trauma often associated with the death of a child; enable low-income families to give their children a dignified burial; empower communities to memorialize children who have died; educate parents and caregivers to confront, control and conquer the primary risks to our children's health and wholeness; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Unforgettables Foundation includes the provision of funds for burial services and memorialization of the children of financially challenged families, development of specialized burial and memorial grounds in conjunction with children's hospitals nationwide, development of Children's Wholeness Centers to assist parents, caregivers and communities to successfully implement child-saving health and welfare strategies, and the production of teleconferences, publications and other child-oriented and safeguarding educational media; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation encourages all places of worship, child-oriented facilities, groups and families to focus on preserving children and invites the whole community to participate in the "Lights for Little Lives" walk on December 31, beginning at the Ronald McDonald House;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Petersen, Mayor of the City of Loma Linda, on behalf of the entire City Council, encourage the community to celebrate the births, consider the children who have fought and overcome illness and danger, commemorate all children who have died and remember that Every Child is Unforgettable.

SIGNED this 16th day of December 2003.

Floyd Petersen, Mayor